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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Mid-term Update of PPA

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EPA has reviewed and approved the FY 2003 work plan for the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Hazardous Waste program. In general the level of commitment is the same as in the FY 2002 work plan. There are two notable exceptions. First is an overall reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ FTE for RCRA corrective action work which reflects the recent loss of a hydrogeologist position and delays in backfilling that position due to issues associated with the register for State hydrogeologists. Ecology has identified this position as a high priority, and intends to backfill it as soon as possible. In the interim, EPA has agreed to investigate what support we may be able to offer to Ecology. The second exception is a reduction in the number of large quantity generator inspections to be done by Ecology. This reduction is a result of vacant inspector positions that were frozen at the time the work plan was developed. It is Ecology's intent to fill those vacancy's once the hiring freeze is lifted and return the level of inspections back to the numbers committed to in the FY 2002 work plan. EPA now considers this FY 2003 work plan to be incorporated as part of the overall Performance Partnership Agreement continuing to June 30, 2003.

With regard to commitments in the PPA, one change has occurred in the corrective action section. As of March 11, 2002, Ecology took over the role of lead agency for the corrective action at the Philip Georgetown facility from EPA. Ecology has requested that EPA provide continuing technical support particularly in the areas of risk assessment and review of interim measures design. EPA will continue to provide the following support to Ecology:

Risk assessment support and review of interim measures as they relate to risk reduction; review of the revised RCRA Facility Investigation and review of major interim measure and cleanup design documents; management for EPA's contract for technical oversight at the Georgetown facility and hydrogeologist support for groundwater sampling methodology, as requested.